

PRESIDENT'S —Update—

Jefferson
College

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Welcome Back to Campus

I hope your winter break was peaceful and that you've returned to campus looking forward to the new year. Looking back on all that was [accomplished in 2022](#), our collective successes are a result of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff who work tirelessly to meet the needs of our students. Thank you for all that you do!

At this time, enrollment looks to be better than projected. Although final data won't be available for several weeks, it appears that spring enrollment (both headcount and credit hours taken) will be at or slightly above last Spring semester. Preliminary numbers indicate a bump in new student, dual credit, and ATS enrollment. I'll provide additional enrollment details when census data is complete.

Employee Winter Weather Update and Info



With the potential for inclement weather this time of year, please remember our weather cancellation procedures so you know exactly where and how to find information regarding closures and other safety information. Detailed information related to [inclement weather is listed online](#).

Faculty

When campus is closed due to inclement weather, classes will not meet on campus. Additionally, the Area Technical School will be closed when at least eight of the sending schools are also closed. Some classes may shift to online instruction to ensure the curriculum is covered within the time constraints of the semester. **Instructors are reminded to post instructions for their respective courses on Canvas to provide specific class directions for students.** Canvas class communication sent to students' Jefferson College emails are recommended to assure students receive the relevant course notifications.

Staff

Attendance expectations for staff will remain the same as in previous years; however, changes may be implemented in the future as remote work assignments evolve and other considerations emerge.

Communication Methods

In the event the College is closed, announcements are communicated via the Viking Text Message Service, the automated telephone system, the Jefferson College web site, MyJeffco announcement/e-mail, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), and select [radio and television stations](#). In most instances, separate announcements will be made for both day and evening class cancellations. When the College is closed, no other activities or events will be held.

To register for the free Viking Text Message Service, employees must log into their MyJeffco account, then click on the “Viking Text” button on the Home Tab. You will be asked to enter your cell phone number and cellular carrier. It is strongly suggested that you use the "self test" function after you opt in to verify that your information is valid.

No Trustee Election Necessary in April



Following the end of the Board of Trustees candidate filing period, since only Margie Passmore (incumbent) and Marc Williams filed for the two vacancies, there will not be an election in April for the Board, saving the College thousands of dollars in related ballot printing and election poll costs. Congratulations to Margie and Marc!

Nominate an Outstanding Alumnus

Know of someone who graduated from Jefferson College and is worthy of recognition? Nominations are being accepted for the **2023 Alumnus of the Year Award** sponsored by the Faculty Senate.

In addition to having graduated with a certificate or associate degree, nominees must have achieved distinction in a field of employment, been involved in community service, and not presently serve as a trustee or employee of the College. An [online nomination form is available](#).

College to Celebrate 60 Years of Service and Excellence

Did you know that this April will mark the 60th anniversary of the College's establishment by county voters—a mere 58 “yes” votes made the difference—back in 1963? A series of celebratory events and highlights will be announced soon as plans are finalized. Look for more details and join the fun as Jefferson College celebrates this milestone birthday!



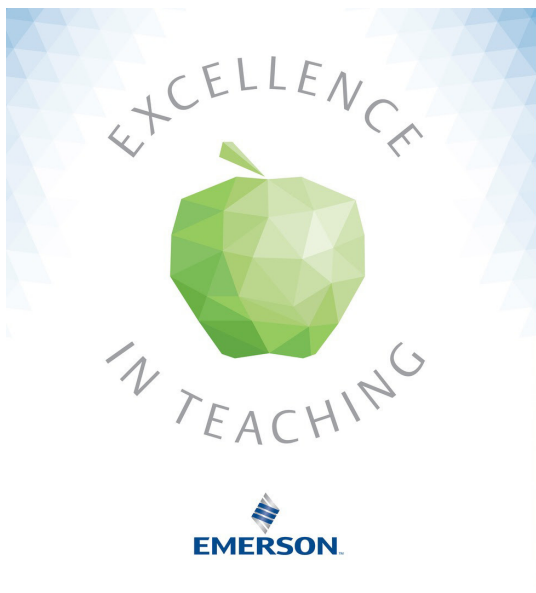
Great Things Are Happening at Jeffco!

After an amazing season capturing the conference, region, and district titles en route to the NJCAA National Tournament, 2022 Viking Soccer team members Charlie Dickerson and Alvarez Cooper were named as NJCAA and United Soccer Coaches All-Americans. The Missouri Sports

Hall of Fame will also acknowledge the team, Head Coach Leo Driscoll, and Dickerson, along with the 2022 Viking Softball team, during their upcoming enshrinement ceremony.



- Speaking of sports, Head Basketball Coach CB Walker and his staff have begun filling the roster for the relaunch of men's basketball in 2023. The first two signees are local standout Gabriel Watkins of Herculaneum High School and Gavin Smith from Mount Carmel, Illinois. We look forward to welcoming them and many others to the campus as Athletics expansion happens this year.
- Congratulations to Dr. Bridget Webb, Director of the Physical Therapy Assistant program, who was a recipient of the 2022 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She was among more than 80 teachers from across the St. Louis metropolitan area who were recognized as examples of truly outstanding educational excellence.



- After having a limited presence along the Highway 30 corridor since the pandemic, Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program staff are excited to once again serve residents in northwest Jefferson County this spring with free classes at the Northwest Jefferson County Library branch in High Ridge.
- Kudos to Disability Support Services Coordinator Linda Ladendecker-Corley for her work on a [recent video by Developmental Disability Advocates](#) that features current student Hailey Schmidt. This is the second such video that has featured one of our students and the services the College's provides to support those who have disabilities.
- The Foundation recently received an anonymous donation of stock valued at \$150,000 to fund a series of Area Technical School-to-Associate of Applied Science degree pathway scholarships. ATS instructors will be involved in the selection process, and scholarships will be available in skilled labor trades starting this fall



As always, I am a phone call or email away.
I look forward to our collective success.

- Dena

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